



Sermon Notes August 14, 2022
Acts of the Apostles Series Part 1

The Foundations of Christian Faith!

Acts 1:1-11
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Opening Point:

Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. (📖 1 Corinthians 15:1)

The Foundations of Our Faith:

1. The **reality** of Christ's **Resurrection** (📖 Acts 1:3a, Romans 10:9-10, 1 Corinthians 15:1-8, 12-14)
 - a. It's the **Central** truth of the Gospel
 - b. It's at the **Core** of our faith!
2. The **coming** of Christ's **Kingdom**!
(📖 Acts 1:3b, Matthew 6:33, John 3:5-7, Romans 14:17, 3:21-22, Galatians 5:22-23)
3. The **power** of Christ's **Holy Spirit**!
(📖 Acts 1:4-8, John 14:15-18, 26, 15:26-27, Luke 24:48-49)
† *The power of the church comes from the Holy Spirit and not from man!*
4. The **assurance** of Christ's **Return**!
(📖 Acts 1:9-11, Revelation 1:4-7, Zechariah 14:3-4, Daniel 7:13-14, Matthew 24:29-30)

Closing Point: Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." (📖 John 20:27-29)

Scripture Passage for today's Message | Acts 1:1-11

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ² until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.

³ After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." ⁶ So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. ¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."